

LITERALLY SPEAKING...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

Calling all Writers: York County Public Library Announces the Second Annual Juried Literary Competition

The York County Public Library (YCPL) announces the Second Annual Juried Literary Competition for Poetry and Short Stories. In preparation for the competition, the Library will offer free writing and publishing workshops.

Workshop leaders and competition judges will be drawn from local authors, teachers, and professors of literature and creative writing; book reviewers; bookstore owners; and others in the literary field. All workshops will be held in the Tabb Library Meeting Room and are free to the public. Registration is required.

Entries for the competition will be accepted at the Tabb Library between February 1 and

March 1, 2007. You must be 18 years old to enter. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges and will be announced on March 22. A Winners' Reception and Public Reading will be held during National Library Week on Wednesday, April 18, at the Tabb Library.

This program is part of the Library's efforts to encourage participation in the literary arts by local adults and to foster an

awareness of the Library as a community center for the arts. Funding is provided by the Friends of the York County Public Library.

For more information or to register for the workshops, call the Library's Adult Programs Office at 890-5120. The competition rules are available at the library or on our web site, www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

Writers' Workshop Schedule

The Writer's Toolkit
Saturday, January 13
2 PM - 4 PM

Short Story Workshop
Saturday, January 20
10 AM - Noon

Poetry Workshop
Saturday, January 27
10 AM - Noon

Publishing 101
Saturday, February 3
10 AM - Noon

Second Saturdays at Seven Concerts in January and February

The Library's Second Saturdays at Seven Concert Series continues in January and February with delightful evenings of music for listeners of all ages to enjoy.

On January 13, the Runaway String Band (RSB) will perform bluegrass, old-time and swing music for your entertainment. This Williamsburg area quartet will wow you with their vocal harmonies and

instrumentals. RSB has performed at numerous venues including the Jamestown Folk Festival, The Occasion for the Arts, and the Tidewater Friends of Folk Music Concert Series.

The York High School Voices in Perfection (VIP) and Tres Jolie will perform on February 10. Both a cappella groups are under the direction of Tiffany Temple. The VIPs

consist of 21 young men and women performing a stunning 8-part harmony. You'll also enjoy the 5 and 6-part harmony of the 19 member all-female jazz group, Tres Jolie.

Both concerts will be held at the Tabb Library on the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM. Performances are free of charge and open to the public. Call the Library at 890-5120 for more information.

Silver Screen Cinema Series

In response to our patron's suggestions, the Library is hosting a Silver Screen Cinema Movie Series. "Even in this era of DVDs and home theater systems, it is clear that many people still enjoy an evening out at the theater," said Library Director, Lucinda Munger. "And our theater has no ticket window, so we encourage everyone who would like to experience some of the old classics in a theater setting to join us."

Movies will be shown the second Wednesday of each month at 4 PM in the Yorktown

Library meeting room. The 1954 musical film, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, starring Howard Keel and Jane Powell is scheduled for January 10. Released in 1957, *An Affair to Remember*, starring Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr, will be shown on February 14. The 1954 film, *Brigadoon*, starring Gene Kelly, Van Johnson and Cyd Charisse will be the feature film on March 14.

For more information about the Silver Screen Cinema Series, contact the Programs Director at 890-5121.

Opera DVDs Now Available

The York County Public Library is pleased to announce the acquisition of 36 of the world's greatest operas on DVD through the generous support of the York County Friends of the Library. Check them out at the Tabb Library in the nonfiction section 792.5. Titles include *Carmen*, *La Boheme*, *Fidelio*, *Don Giovanni* and more.

SALA Wednesday Evening Readings Are Back

Share Appreciation of the Literary Arts (SALA) is back by popular demand. SALA meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the conference room at the Tabb Library.

Come read something you have written or bring something you like that was written by someone else. You may share a favorite poem, act out a section of a play with a friend, read or tell a story or portion of a story, recite the Gettysburg Address or read a letter. Share whatever you like or just come and listen to what others have brought to read.

SALA at 7:00 PM
January 3
February 7
at the Tabb Library

When making your selection, please limit reading time to 10 minutes or less. If the group is small, you may be able to read more than one item. Chosen works may be meaningful, intellectual, frivolous or funny. Readers and listeners of all ages are welcome.

Ancestry Library, Mitchell's Auto Repair and Hoovers business news are available on the Library's in-house public use computers. Ask our Reference staff about these and other databases we have available.

Federal Tax Forms

Stop by the library to pick up your Federal Tax Forms. The most frequently requested forms and instruction booklets are available. Check the display rack in the copy room at the Tabb and York libraries. Other forms and publications may be photocopied for 15¢ per page.

The library does not provide assistance in completing tax forms or determining which forms you need to fill out. Commonwealth of Virginia tax forms are not available at the library. They are available online at <http://www.tax.virginia.gov>.



DVD/VHS Circulation Policy Change

The Library Board has approved a change in the DVD/VHS circulation policy to allow more patrons to have quicker access to our most popular titles. Beginning January 8, DVD/VHS media can be checked out for one week only. They may be renewed for one additional week if the item is not on hold for another patron.

Register for Tiny and Toddler Tales starting January 8

Registration for Tiny Tales and Toddler Tales will begin on Monday, January 8 at 10:00 AM. To register, stop by the Youth Services Desk at Tabb or call 890-5110. Classes will be held for five consecutive weeks beginning January 16. Since space is limited, sign up early.

Tiny Tales

Ages 6 to 14 months
Tues. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Toddler Tales

Ages 15 to 30 months
Tues. 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
Wed. 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
Wed. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Thur. 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Battle of the Books Practices

Grades 4-5

Mon. 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
January 8, 22 & 29
at the Yorktown Library

Tues. 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
January 9, 16, 23 & 30
at the Tabb Library

Wed. 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
January 10, 17, 24 & 31
at the Tabb Library

Grades 6-8

Mon. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
January 8, 22 & 29
at the Yorktown Library

Winter Registration for Preschool Story Times

Registration for Story Times begins on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:00 AM at both the Tabb and Yorktown libraries. To register, visit the Youth Services Desk or call 890-5110 (Tabb) or 890-3236 (York). Come join us for stories, songs, and crafts! The session runs from January 17 - February 15.

Schedule for Preschool Story Times

| | <u>Yorktown</u> | |
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| Wednesday | 10:15 AM | Ages 2½ - K |
| | <u>Tabb</u> | |
| Wednesday | 10:15 AM | Ages 2½ - 3½ |
| Wednesday | 1:00 PM | Ages 2½ - K |
| Thursday | 10:15 AM | Ages 2½ - 3½ |

Saturday Story Time

Join us for Snowman Saturday Story Time on January 13 and Valentine's Story Time on February 10 at 10:30 AM in the Tabb Library meeting room. The morning will be filled with stories, songs, games, and crafts. Registration is not required.



I Have a Dream . . .

Every year on the third Monday of January, we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in honor of the man who devoted his life to overcoming racial discrimination without violence. Many children's books examine his life and dreams.

In *I've Seen the Promised Land*, Walter Dean Myers presents the highlights of King's life with vibrant illustrations. Author Doreen Rappaport's book, *Martin's Big Words*, pairs quotations from King's autobiography, speeches, sermons, and articles with biographical information to create an inspirational picture book. Christine King Farris offers a personal reflection on her childhood experiences with her brother in *My Brother Martin*. Ask at the Children's Desk for information about these great books and others on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books is a cooperative reading program between the York County Public Library and York County public and private schools. Sponsored annually by the Williamsburg Regional Library, this exciting contest has students in fourth through eighth grades reading and answering questions about 20 pre-selected books representing a variety of genres of children's literature. Four-person teams from participating schools compete against other York County schools for the opportunity to represent the county in the regional contest against area schools from Newport News, Hampton, Gloucester, Poquoson and Williamsburg.

Gung Hay Fat Choy! Let's Celebrate the Year of the Pig

Chinese New Year is the most important Chinese festival of the year. It does not have a fixed date, but occurs in January or February on the first day of the first month of the Chinese calendar. The last fifteen days of the old year are spent in preparation, while the first fifteen days of the new year are spent in celebration. This year the start of the new year falls on February 18 - the Year of the Pig. Many children's books explain the festival and its significance.

Chinese New Year (Moyse) from the *Festivals* series presents an overview of the festival with its many preparations, including red envelopes, dragons and food. In *Chinese New Year: A Time for Parades, Family, and Friends* (Robinson) the reader learns that Chinese dragons have five toes, Korean dragons have four toes and Japanese dragons have three toes in addition to many other interesting

facts. *Happy New Year! Kung-His Fa-ts'ai!* (Demi) has colorful illustrations devoted to the different components of preparation and celebration.

Picture books about Chinese New Year include: *Dragon Parade* (Chin) set in the 1850s where a Chinese grocer invites important people and friends from San Francisco to celebrate the New Year; *The Wishing Tree* (Thong) in which Ming and his grandmother visit the wishing tree where villagers' wishes are tied to its branches; *This Next New Year* (Wong) is told from a child's point of view as he and his family celebrate the Lunar New Year; and *The Runaway Rice Cake* (Compestine) where three brothers chase the cake their mother prepared.

These books and others celebrating Chinese New Year can be found at the York County Public Library. Find them using the online catalog or ask a staff member for assistance.



Murder at the Library of Congress

New York Times bestselling author David Baldacci discusses his latest novel, *The Collectors*, as part of the Library of Congress' Books and Beyond Series. *The Collectors* begins with a murder in the Library's Rare Book Reading Room. Check out this entertaining webcast with Baldacci at <http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/index.php>. He shares humorous anecdotes about his writing career such as why he had to use a pseudonym on the Italian edition of *Absolute Power* and his efforts to research the "perfect murder" while traveling between Washington D.C. and New York City on Amtrak.

The Library will be CLOSED

**Monday, January 1
for New Year's Day**

**Monday, January 15
Martin L. King, Jr. Day**

**Monday, February 19
Presidents' Day**

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HOURS OF OPERATION

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| Monday—Thursday | 10 AM–9 PM |
| Friday | 10 AM–6 PM |
| Saturday | 10 AM–5 PM |
| Sunday | 1 PM–5 PM |

Visit the Library's web site
<http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library/>

Enjoy story time at home...FREE!
DIAL-A-STORY 890-5111

Tabb Library

100 Long Green Boulevard
Yorktown, VA 23693
(at Hampton Hwy. & Long Green Blvd.)

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| Library Information | 890-5100 |
| Administration | 890-5105 |
| Circulation Desk | 890-5130 |
| Adult Services Desk | 890-5120 |
| Youth Services Desk | 890-5110 |

Yorktown Library

8500 George Washington Mem. Highway
Yorktown, VA 23692
(at US Rt. 17 & Battle Rd.)

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| Library Information | 890-3377 |
| Circulation Desk | 890-5209 |
| Adult Services Desk | 890-5207 |
| Youth Services Desk | 890-3236 |